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NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE



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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of  
Rule: 2009 SB 2937, Section 7

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the  
Proposed Rule: he rule repeals the current regulations for  
Country of Origin Labeling for Meat Products, Subpart 4,  
Chapter 06, Sections 100-104 and adopts Country of Origin  
Labeling, Subpart 4, Chapter 06, Sections 100-104

Date Rule Proposed: October 13, 2009

**Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:** The 2009 Legislature passed the MS Country of Origin Labeling Law ("COOL") to become effective on the date that the Federal COOL became effective. On March 16, 2009, the Federal Law became effective. The attached regulations set out the requirements for the State COOL law. Specifically, the Department proposes to adopt the federal regulations supporting the Federal COOL law with the exception of one section defining the term "retailer." The Department sets out it's definition of "retailer" in accordance with the State Law's definition in this proposed regulation.

**The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.**

☐ An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date:  
Time:  
Place:

☒ An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

**The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and**

☒ This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

☐ This rule as adopted is differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

☐ The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:  
Within the scope of the matter in the notice of proposed rule adoption,  
The logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted  
response thereto, and  
The Notice of Proposed rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could  
be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Effective Date of Rule: December 13, 2009

  
Commissioner